THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) On the basis of the State Government's recommendation, the Department has selected 3 Travel Circuits for integrated Development.

The following schemes are under consideration of the Department. The State Government has been asked for blue-prints and estimates, which are awaited.

1. Introduction of Water Sports in Hyderabad.

2. Construction of Cafeteria and other facilities at N&agarjunasagar.

3. Provision of boats and creation of accommodation at Ramappa and Pakhal Lakes.

(c) During the 6th Five Year Plan the Department has completed a Tourist Bungalow at Warangal at a cost of Rs. 17.39 lakhs of which Rs. 1.44 lakhs was spent during 6th Plan. ITDC is running a transport unit at Hyderabad. During the current Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs. 28 41 lakhs was spent in improving the facilities of the same.

Steps to attract tourists from Foreign countries

1546. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what fresh proposals Government contemplate to take to attract foreign tourists to India;

(b) whether Government propose to approach any foreign Governments for using their media for attraction tourists to India;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the number of tourists expected to visit India during the winter months of 1984-85?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Publicity and promotion to attract foreign tourists are continuous activities which are reviewed from time to time to consider fresh proposals. Some of the fresh additional steps being undertaken are:

1. Preparation of additional tourist publicity material in different languages such as Arabic, French, Russian, German, Spenish;

2. Increased advertising through TV, Radio and Press;

3. Participation in promotional fairs, food festivals and exhibitions;

4. Joint promotion with international airlines.

5. High level promotional seminars in the main tourist generating countries;

6. Promotion of the Indian ethnic traffic;

7. Permitting charters to Goa and Trivandrum as also to the international airports;

8. International conferences/convantions;

9. Joint participation with travel trade in travel fairs and exhibitions;

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) It is not possible to do such exact fare casting.

Simplification of procedure relating of Income-tax assessments

1547. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently announced any simplified procedure for the assessment of income up to Rs. 50,000;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what benefit will accrue to Government there from during 1984-85?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) With a view to speed up the disposal of Income-tax assessments with the manpower available and to reduce the ever increasing back-log, instructions have recently been issued that salary cases with returned income upto Rs. 50,000 and non-salary cases with returned income upto Rs. 25,000 subject to certain exceptions, be completed without any checking of any sort.